**§1694. Identification of priority chemicals**

Effective July 1, 2012, a chemical is eligible for designation as a priority chemical only if that chemical has been identified and listed as a chemical of high concern pursuant to section 1693‑A. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (NEW).]

**1. Criteria.**  The department may designate a chemical of high concern as a priority chemical if the commissioner finds, in concurrence with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

A. The chemical has been found through biomonitoring to be present in human blood, including umbilical cord blood, breast milk, urine or other bodily tissues or fluids; [PL 2007, c. 643, §2 (NEW).]

B. The chemical has been found through sampling and analysis to be present in household dust, indoor air or drinking water or elsewhere in the home environment; or [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (AMD).]

C. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (RP).]

D. The chemical is present in a consumer product used or present in the home. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (AMD).]

E. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (RP).]

F. [PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (RP).]

[PL 2019, c. 315, §16 (AMD).]

**2. Designation.**  The commissioner shall designate at least 2 priority chemicals by January 1, 2011. The department may designate additional priority chemicals if the commissioner finds that the chemicals meet one of the criteria listed in subsection 1.

[PL 2019, c. 315, §16 (AMD).]

The department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2‑A. [PL 2019, c. 315, §17 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2007, c. 643, §2 (NEW). PL 2011, c. 319, §5 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 315, §§16, 17 (AMD).

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